CITY OF MANISTEE NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

WORK SESSION MINUTES of Monday, February 27, 2023

The Manistee Neighborhood Restoration and Beautification Commission met in a work session on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order by Lucas Richardson at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lucas Richardson, Jermaine Sullivan, Kathleen Grabowski, Kelly Greve, Mary Kay Wilkosz

Members Absent:

Also Present: Chief Glass, Kevin Kriebel

Kevin Kriebel, SAFEBuilt spoke on the Muskegon Blight Program. He explained the 4 grant writers in Muskegon and "Entitlement Zones". He explained that the blight process is as follows: letters are sent out first (a first letter, then a second letter); tickets are written after letters have been sent. He also explained that blight tickets he issues refer to structures and the police handle vehicles, junk, etc. A group from Muskegon can come to Manistee to meet with the Commission about their program.

Chief Glass can get the number of vacant structures in Manistee.

Jermaine Sullivan's concern is tickets for blight are rarely paid.

Chief Glass shared the frustration of enforcing blight.

Jermaine Sullivan asked about putting blight tickets on tax bills. She will check with Council about this.

Kevin Kriebel spoke on the definition of blight construction with long-term (6 mos.) tarps on roofs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the work session adjourned at 10:05am.

Motion was made by Jermaine Sullivan, seconded by Mary Kay Wilkosz to adjourn the work session.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05a.m.